

but where do you put that bar that's built in? Where do you put those built-in booths that can't be moved? They possibly are going to take up four or 500 square feet of the area itself. And, as Senator Labedz brought out, there are also the restrooms, ladies and gentlemen. So we really don't have a lot of area there to operate in to really separate the white hats from the black hats, if you will, or the smokers from the nonsmokers. So, on that basis, in order that those who do enjoy this type of entertainment, the neighborhood gathering spot, there would be a better chance to actually give those who don't smoke more breathing space, if you will. So I do think Senator Hall's amendment is very reasonable. And I don't know how long ago they put 1,200 square feet in the law, but I'm sure at the time nobody brought up the idea on how much space all the fixtures in a bar or restaurant take up. So we are really doing a favor for the smokers with this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President. Or, I mean the nonsmokers, giving them more room.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, to give you an idea of just about what 1,200 square foot looks like, go into the lounge across the hall here. A group of senators in there a while ago stepped it off and that's about 1,200 square feet. You take up some of that for the bar and the tables and the chairs, you can't get very many people in there. Consequently, I don't think there is more than a dozen bars, taverns, call them whatever you want to, in the State of Nebraska that are that small. I would, wholeheartedly, support Senator Hall's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Simply a point of clarification. Senator Higgins, the restaurant...restrooms do not count towards this area. The bar itself does not count. It is the rest of the area that counts, only the area where persons are being served, not the fixtures. Do as you like.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, it's again a friendly amendment and I understand Senator Marsh's concern for it. But you are...I think we are dealing with...we do have